

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2019 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-49-2019

Proposed by Council Members Hawkins and Dernoga

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Dernoga, Turner, Anderson-Walker,  
Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter & Taveras

Date of Introduction June 11, 2019

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Prince George's County Re-Entry Advisory Board

3 For the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Re-Entry Advisory Board

4 to determine, evaluate, and implementing a comprehensive Re-Entry Program and re-entry

5 services in the County to service formerly incarcerated persons attempting to acclimate back into  
6 society.

7 WHEREAS, in Prince George's County, formerly incarcerated persons return back to the  
8 community from numerous correctional facilities and jails/detention centers; and

9 WHEREAS, the recidivism rate amongst formerly incarcerated persons in Prince George's  
10 County is high and continues to grow; and

11 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Department of Health and Department of Social  
12 Services is overburdened with ex-offender activity and are unprepared to handle the current and  
13 future influx of re-entry citizens based on State and County estimates for the next 5-10 years; and

14 WHEREAS, formerly incarcerated persons face obstacles in the re-entry process such as  
15 securing sustainable employment with livable wages, overcoming other significant barriers like  
16 the need for substance abuse treatment, and obtaining affordable housing in order to successfully  
17 reintegrate into society; and

18 WHEREAS, the effective re-entry of persons transitioning from incarceration back into  
19 society fosters their positive rehabilitation and enables them to become productive citizens of our  
20 County which can benefit the entire community; and

21 WHEREAS, the County government has an obligation to the residents and citizens to  
22 implement services to address the needs of formerly incarcerated persons, a comprehensive

1 action plan is needed to guide the County's many partners, stakeholders and entities in a  
 2 coordinated approach to meeting the varied needs of the formerly incarcerated population; and

3 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter provides that the County Council may appoint, for  
 4 designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall  
 5 assist in the consideration of County policies and programs.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
 7 County, Maryland, that the Prince George's County Re-entry Advisory Board is hereby  
 8 established in an effort to determine, evaluate, assess and assist County agencies in  
 9 implementing a comprehensive Re-Entry Program and re-entry services in the County; establish  
 10 progress reports to assess the effectiveness of every County re-entry related service; evaluate  
 11 what resources will be needed to implement a comprehensive Re-Entry Program and re-entry  
 12 services that clearly define and identify existing and implementable services offered within the  
 13 County that address but are not limited to, employment, housing, mental health, and faith-based  
 14 initiatives; form direction and provide assistance towards the implementation of programs and  
 15 services in order to increase access and obtainment of employment, housing, mental health, and  
 16 faith-based, opportunities for re-entry citizens within the County; develop a model program or  
 17 systematic processes for serving formerly incarcerated persons pre and post incarceration  
 18 release; review relevant legislation; and report to the County Council its progress respective of  
 19 its findings;

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Re-entry Advisory Board  
 21 (the "Board") shall be composed of 21 members:

- 22 1. The Chair of the County Council's Health, Human Services and Public Safety  
 23 Committee, or their representative, who shall serve as Chair;
- 24 2. One (1) representative from the County Executive's office;
- 25 3. The President and CEO of Employ Prince George's, or their representative;
- 26 4. The Administrative Judge of the Prince George's County Circuit Court or the  
 27 Administrative Judge's representative;
- 28 5. The Chief of Police or the Chief's representative;
- 29 6. The Sheriff or the Sheriff's representative;
- 30 7. The Director of Corrections or the Director's representative;
- 31 8. The State's Attorney or the State's Attorney's representative;

- 1 9. The Public Defender or the Public Defender's representative;
- 2 10. The Health Officer or the Health Officer's representative;
- 3 11. The Director of Social Services or the Director's representative;
- 4 12. The Director of Housing and Community Development or the Director's
- 5 representative;
- 6 13. The CEO of the Prince George's County Public Schools or the CEO's representative;
- 7 14. The President of the Prince George's Community College or the President's
- 8 representative;
- 9 15. Two (2) representatives from non-profit organizations;
- 10 16. One male and one female citizen of the County who are formerly incarcerated persons;
- 11 17. Two (2) representatives from the Faith Based Community; and
- 12 18. A representative from the Juvenile Justice system.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Vice Chair shall be elected by a majority vote of the  
14 members of the Board.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will have an initial term of two (2) years  
16 from the date of adoption of this Resolution. If determined advantageous and desirable, the  
17 Board may be reauthorized in subsequent years by Council Resolution.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board shall transmit to the Clerk of the Council for  
19 delivery to the members of the County Council and the County Executive written preliminary  
20 reports by February 18, 2020 and June 15, 2020. Each preliminary report shall be followed by a  
21 public briefing to the County Council by the Board. The Board shall also submit a written final  
22 report by November 1, 2020 making findings, recommendations and plans for assistance in  
23 implementation to the County Council for approval. The County Council may request and  
24 receive frequent feedback or briefings from the Board at the Council's discretion.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator shall assign appropriate  
26 technical and administrative support staff to assist the Board in its work.

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2019.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd M. Turner  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Acting Clerk of the Council